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Ms. Patricia Derian
Office of Humanitarian Affairs
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Re: Argentine attorney MIREYA ESTER ROJO

Dear Ms. Derian:

The National Lawyers Guild, an organization of more than 5500 members, has recently learned that the reknowned Argentine labor lawyer, Mireya Ester ROJO, who has been imprisoned since shortly after the 1976 coup in her country, has just "disappeared". According to an Amnesty International bulletin of September 21, 1978, Ms. Rojo had been imprisoned in the Carcel de Devoto in Buenos Aires when she mysteriously disappeared.

The National Lawyers Guild has been deeply concerned about members of our profession who have become victims of dictatorial regimes. Because of the extremely long list of such lawyers in Argentina, that country has become a focus of our attention and concern. We urge that our government make an urgent inquiry into the fate of Ms. Rojo, and express its concern for the hundreds of attorneys who have "disappeared," been imprisoned for their defense of the politically-less favored, or have been grossly intimidated from providing full legal representation to those accused by the government.

Very truly yours,

Henry DiSuvero / ss

Henry DiSuvero, President

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